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Applicant: JANUARY, James R.  
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Sir:

The following is submitted in connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed contemporaneously herewith.

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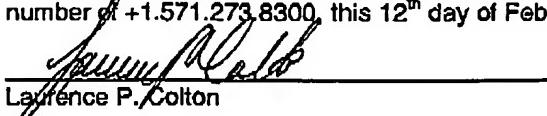
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Claims 1-5 and 7-23 are pending in the above-captioned patent application and have been rejected.

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-17 and 19-22 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by US Patent No. 5629073 to Lovell (Lovell '073).

Claims 13, 18, 23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Lovell '073.

**SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH****1. Extension of Time**

A separate Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 of three (3) month up to and including 12 February 2007 and the appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17 is enclosed. However, Applicant already paid for a one (1) month extension and has deducted the one (1) month fee amount.

**2. Request for Continued Examination**

A separate Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the appropriate fee for a large entity is enclosed herewith.

**3. Excess Claims Fee**

Applicant has submitted the fee for twenty-three (23) total claims and seven (7) independent claims. This Response results in twenty-two (22) total claims and seven (7) independent claims. As such, no excess claims fee is due.